

# Superintendent's Highlights

The 1997-98 school year was an excellent year for the Meridian School District. Our focus this year was on a vision of the future with an emphasis on school reform. We joined in the "Management of Change" process with Dr. Willard Daggett and trained a "Quality Team" in each of our school buildings. Through the quality teams, new ideas began to emerge from the building level on how to improve education. We have only scratched the surface in this area and will continue the effort in the years ahead. Again, test scores were above the national and state averages and exceeded most other districts in the state. Growth in enrollment continued to be the highest in the state. Fall enrollment brought us 1,157 new students. This was almost 500 more than expected and required the hiring of 25 additional teachers after school started.

#### **Student Profiles** Ethnicity Race Male **Female** Total White Black 0.46% 0.32% 0.78% Hispanic 1.37% 2.88% 1.51% 0.19% 0.32% Nat Amer 0.13% Asian 0.93% 0.81% 1.74% Total 52.04% 100.00% **Dropouts** 20% Percentage 15% 10% 5% 64 71 84 Grd. 12 Grd. 9 Grd. 10 Grd. 11 97-98 3.59% 4.41% Numbers in graph represent actual dropout counts per grade

## **Meridian District #002**

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District Characteristics 1997-98	
Fall Enrollment 1997-98 20,78	8 Special Education:
Average Daily Attendance 19,87	7 Special Education Students 1,955
State Ranking per ADA	2 Gifted and Talented Students 1,468
Number of Schools (sites):	Number of LEP Students**
Elementary2	National School Lunch Program:
Secondary 1	0 % Average Daily Participation 47%
Number of Schools:	% Free and Reduced Meals 11%
Accredited 2	7 Average Lunch Price - Elementary \$1.10
Accredited with Comment	0 Average Lunch Price - Secondary \$1.35
Advised & Advised with Comment	Pupil Transportation Program:
Warned	0 Average Daily Ridership 1996-97 9,243
High School Graduates:	District Owned Operation
High School Diplomas-Regular 1,17	•
Other Completions*	0 ** Limited English Speaking (LEP)

### **Progress Towards Meeting District Goals**

#### 1997-98 Goals

## **Progress**

Increase utilization of computer technology as a teaching tool by providing management resources, inservice and technical support for employees.

Emphasize new science curriculum hands-on experiences and opportunities with full utilization of science labs in all building.

Emphasize the development and promotion of students' work ethic skills, problem solving skills, and working together as teams.

Good progress was made in this area. Six technicians were hired to keep computers repaired and running district wide. Numerous inservice classes were offered for employees. A number of teachers took and passed the technology exam.

Excellent progress was made in this area with the hands-on science curriculum being implemented in the elementary classrooms. With the help of a HP grant, hands-on science kits were placed in many of our buildings. Eighteen of the 20 schools were able to designate one classroom as a science lab with science materials present.

This goal started in the summer with a number of our buildings sending a team of teachers to the school-to work conference. Teams came away from this conference prepared to implement plans in their buildings on how to promote each of these goals. Very good progress was made in this area and more teams of teachers are going to the 1998 school-to work conference with the same goal in mind.

						<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>ADA</u>	Rank
	M & O Fund	<u>%</u>	All Funds	<u>%</u>	Expenditures:				
Revenues:					M & O Instruction	\$50,109,501	65.81%		
Local Taxes	\$12,794,834	16.07%	\$25,173,748	24.99%	M & O Support Programs	25,189,698	33.08%		
Other Sources	1,755,092	2.21%	5,017,802	4.98%	M & O Other	843,867	1.11%		
State	65,016,937	81.70%	66,880,884	66.37%	Total M & O	\$76,143,066	100.00%	\$3,831	10
Federal	15,542	0.02%	3,691,252	3.66%					
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Total	\$79,582,405	100.00%	\$100,763,686	100.00%					
Supplemental In	formation:								
Property Tax Re	eplacement			\$3,429,554	Tax Levies at 9-1-97	<u>Total</u>	Per ADA	Rank	
					Property Market Values	\$3,696,887,343	\$185,992	66	
Lottery Revenue					Total M & O Levy	0.003458040		48	
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Staff Data 1997-98					
District Personnel:	<u>FTE</u>	ADA to FTE	Teachers Salaries:		Rank
Elementary Teachers	565.74	20	Beginning Salary on Schedule	\$21,150	
Secondary Teachers	465.81	19	Highest Salary on Schedule	\$42,671	
Administrators	76.21	261	Average Elementary Teacher's Salary	\$32,158	32
Other Certified Staff	98.16	202	Average Secondary Teacher's Salary	\$30,936	52
Total Certified Staff	1,205.92	16	Superintendent's Salary	\$97,150	2
Total Non-Certified Staff	624.02	32			

Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).

"Totals" may not sum due to rounding.

